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Diary Dates

May

Wk 4 23rd Book Fair / History
Event

Wk 5: 31st Student Expo

June

Wk 5: 1st Tree Planting
Morning – Wirrina

Wk 8: 18th Gov Council

21st: Crows Community
Training Program

July

3rd: Student Reports go out

6th End of Term

INCLUSIONS

Book Fair Catalogue
Emergency Contact Chain

Dear Parents,

Parent – Teacher – Student Discussions

Discussions are well underway between students, parents and teachers. The students are increasing their responsibilities in leading the discussions, especially in the Upper Primary. The increasing involvement of students is another step towards students being more self-determining in their learning. The student role is moving from being passive and receptive to more inquisitive and productive. The teacher's role is less expert and more facilitative. Assessment becomes more for recognition and learning, rather than just for reporting. The outcomes we seek are for life, not just short term fixes.

The process undertaken for these discussions are a learning experience for students as well as parents and teachers. I think the best thing about the discussions is that we all have an opportunity to check out perceptions against reality. Someone once said to me, there is no such thing as truth, it is merely a series of perspectives or versions of reality. At times, versions of reality can be easily explained as 'one having a loose interpretation of the truth!'

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is over for another year and everyone seems rather pleased. We try and keep it low key at Rapid Bay but it still causes high levels of anxiety for some students. The media hype surrounding NAPLAN, its value and relevance, generates a profile for the test that exceeds its intent. It becomes 'high stakes testing' where schools are ranked and graded according to their scores. Outcomes of this nature are degrading to schools, teachers, families and certain districts.

Find Your Treasure – Celebrating History Month / Book Fair

Next Wednesday 23rd May starting at 12.30pm

*Assembly – Dress: JP's – Viking/Pirate, UP's – Famous Explorer
Students will share their tales of woe in finding their treasurers.

*Shared Lunch – Please bring a plate of food to share (but no eggs, nuts or pineapple). The Book Fair will be open between 1pm and 2pm for purchases. Parents, grandparents and friends welcome to join us for assembly and shared lunch following.

Student Expo – Thur 31/5/18: 6.15 to 8.00pm

The program for the Student Expo will be sent out next week. Students will be taking parents for a journey of learning. Students will be the teachers and parents will be the students. Parents can make choices as to what curriculum area they would like to experience and with the level of students. A full program will be sent home next week. Please reserve this date. Grandparents and friends are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Tree Planting – Wirrina – Fri 1/6/18, 9 – 10.45am

The bus will drop students off at Wirrina and take them back to school upon completion. We are participating in the 20 million trees school planting day and working with Conservation Volunteers Australia. Once again, parents and friends are encouraged to come along and give a hand. Dress for the weather and activity – gloves, boots, rain protection, water etc.

Regards

Mark Shadiac (Principal)



The UP students have worked hard to create their new vegie patch. Only one broken pipe for Ian to fix!



Welcome to Tate, our new year two student.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2018
 To be celebrated across Australia & New Zealand

HICKORY DICKORY DASH
 TONY WILSON LAURA WOOD

Wednesday
23 May 2018
11am AEST
1pm NZST

Save the date and get ready to read together across two nations!

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

Come to our **Paws for Books**
BOOK FAIR!

Choose from a huge selection of books at the Fair!

The official story **NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2018!**
 allia.org.au/nss

Date Wed May 23rd Time 1-2pm
 Place Library

Every purchase earns books and learning resources for our school!

The JP class will participate in the National Simultaneous Storytime on Book Fair day, May 23rd at 11.30am. Parents are invited to participate.

